



# By his Highness the Lord Protector's Council for the Affairs of Ireland.



He Council duly acknowledging the manifold mercies and blessings which the Lord hath vouchtated this Nation, notwithstanding their great unworthiness & unproportionable returns of thanks; are likewise sensible how justly they have incurred his displeasure, which seems to threaten it (by reason of sin, which onely separates betwixt God and a people;) and thence have extraordinary cause to humble themselves, and to have recourse unto the Lord by Prayer, for the turning away his judgements justly deserved; and for prevailing with the Lord for his blessing upon the Forces of his Highness and the Common-wealth, by Sea and Land; as also for his disappointing the Plots and pernicious contrivances of the Enemy, who (by all the wayes they can) are labouring to disturbe the Peace and welfare thereof; and likewise, for Gods speciall direction and assistance to the present Parliament, towards the establishing these Nations in truth and peace, to his Glory, and the peoples happiness; and that the hearts of all that fear the Lord, may be firmly knit and united. For these, and other publick considerations, they have thought fit and it is accordingly ordered, that VVednesday next (being the first day of October) be and is hereby appointed to be set apart for a day of solemn Fasting and Humiliation within the Citie of Dublin, and Suburbs thereof; And that VVednesday following (being the eighth day) be likewise observed and kept throughout the rest of the Nation, and the Ministers of the respective Parishes and Congregations, are to publish the same in their severall Churches, and Meeting Places the next Lords day after receipt hereof; whereby the people may more diligently attend (that day) the exercise of Gods worship and service. For the better observation whereof, the holding of Faires, Markets, and servile works of mens ordinary callings, on the respective dayes aforesaid, are to be forborn. And all Mayors, Sherifs, Iustices of the Peace, Constables, and other Officers, are hereby desired to take care that those dayes be accordingly kept and observed. *Dated at the Council-Chamber at DUBLIN, September the 26. 1656.*



THOMAS HERBERT *Clerk of the Council.*

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Ordered, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published.

*Thomas Herbert Clerk of the Council.*